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FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF BRITISH PROPOSED PREAMBLE FOR
POSSIBLE WESTERN DRAFT FINAL SPECIAL SESSION ON DISARMAMENT
DOCUMENT MENTIONED REFTEL:

BEGIN TEXT

THE STATES MEMBERS OF THE UNITED NATIONS WHO MET IN NEW
YORK IN MAY/JUNE 1978 TO ATTEND THE UNITED NATIONS SPECIAL SESSION
ON DISARMAMENT,

BEARING IN MIND UN GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION 31/189B WHICH
CALLED FOR THE CONVENING OF A SPECIAL SESSION DEVOTED TO
DISARMAMENT,

RECALLING UN GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION 2602E WHICH DECLARED
THE 1970S A DISARMAMENT DECADE AND CALLED ON GOVERNMENT TO INTENSIFY
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WITHOUT DELAY THEIR CONCENTRATED AND CONCERTED EFFORTS FOR EFFECTIVE
MEASURES RELATING TO THE CESSATION OF THE NUCLEAR ARMS RACE AT AN
EARLY DATE AND FOR THE NEGOTIATION OF A TREATY ON GENERAL AND
COMPLETE DISARMAMENT UNDER STRICT AND EFFECTIVE INTERNATIONAL
CONTROL,
STRESSING THEIR CONVICTION THAT DISARMAMENT IS ONE OF THE
FUNDAMENTAL OBJECTIVES OF THE UNITED NATIONS AND REAFFIRMING UN

GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION 1378 WHICH STATED THAT THE QUESTION OF GENERAL AND COMPLETE DISARMAMENT WAS THE MOST IMPORTANT ONE FACING THE WORLD TODAY,

RECALLING THAT, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE CHARTER OF THE UNITED NATIONS, STATES MUST REFRAIN IN THEIR INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS FROM THE TREAT OR USE OF FORCE AGAINST THE TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY OR POLITICAL INDEPENDENCE OF ANY STATE, OR IN ANY OTHER MANNER INCONSISTENT WITH THE PURPOSES OF THE UNITED NATIONS, AND THAT THE ESTABLISHMENT AND MAINTENANCE OF PEACE AND SECURITY ARE TO BE PROMOTED WITH THE LEAST DIVERSION FOR ARMAMENTS OF THE WORLD'S HUMAN AND ECONOMIC RESOURCES,
CONSIDERING THE DEVASTATION VISITED UPON MANKIND BY WARS, AND PARTICULARLY NUCLEAR WARS AND THE URGENT NEED TO MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO AVERT THE DANGER OF SUCH A WAR AND TO TAKE MEASURES TO SAFEGUARD THE SECURITY OF PEOPLES,
CONVINCED THAT PEACE AND SECURITY IN THE WORLD ARE INDIVISIBLE AND THAT INSTABILITY OR CONFLICT IN ONE AREA IS A THREAT TO ALL STATES EVERYWHERE,
DESIRING TO FURTHER THE EASING OF INTERNATIONAL TENSION AND THE STRENGTHENING OF TRUST BETWEEN STATES IN ORDER TO FACILITATE THE REDUCTION OF ARMAMENTS,
EMPHASISING THE COMPLEXITY AND IMPORTANCE OF THE PROBLEMS OF DISARMAMENT WHICH AFFECT THE VITAL SECURITY INTERESTS AND THE TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY OF ALL STATES,

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AFFIRMING THE NEED FOR DISARMAMENT MEASURES TO GIVE EQUAL OR GREATER SECURITY TO ALL COUNTRIES AT REDUCED LEVELS OF ARMAMENT AND MILITARY EXPENDITURE AND TO RELEASE MORE RESOURCES FOR IMPORTANT SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC NEEDS,
CONVINCED THAT THE PARTICIPATION OF ALL STATES AND PARTICULARLY ALL MAJOR MILITARY POWERS IN EFFORTS TO CONTAIN THE ARMS RACE AND TO REDUCE ARMAMENTS IS INDISPENSABLE FOR A FULL MEASURES OF SUCCESS IN THESE EFFORTS,
ACKNOWLEDGING THE IMPORTANCE OF EXISTING ARMS CONTROL AND DISARMAMENT AGREEMENTS INCLUDING THE GENEVA PROTOCOL ON CHEMICAL AND BIOLOGICAL WARFARE OF JUNE 1925, THE ANTARCTIC TREATY OF DECEMBER 1959,

THE PARTIAL TEST BAN TREATY OF AUGUST 1963, THE OUTER SPACE TREATY OF JANUARY 1967, THE TREATY OF Tlatelolco OF FEBRUARY 1967, THE NUCLEAR NON-PROLIFERATION TREATY OF JULY 1968, THE SEABED TREATY OF FEBRUARY 1971, THE BIOLOGICAL WEAPONS CONVENTION OF APRIL 1972 AND THE ENVIRONMENTAL MODIFICATION CONVENTION OF JUNE 1977.

STRESSING THE CONTRIBUTION WHICH SUCH PARTIAL MEASURES CAN MAKE TO INTERNATIONAL CONFIDENCE AND SO TO THE ACHIEVEMENT OF GENERAL AND COMPLETE DISARMAMENT,

REAFFIRMING THEIR COMMITMENT TO GENERAL AND COMPLETE
DISARMAMENT UNDER STRICT AND EFFECTIVE INTERNATIONAL CONTROL,

HAVE AGREED AS FOLLOWS

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